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By Electronic & US Mail

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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's defect reporting regulations, 49 CFR part 573.

KW automotive GmbH, Germany ("KW") has decided that a safety-related defect exists with respect to certain front suspension struts manufactured by KW and sold as original and aftermarket equipment.

Product Identification and Recall Population

This recall involves certain front suspension struts manufactured by KW and sold as original equipment to Roush Performance Products, Inc. ("Roush"). The affected product has also been sold in the aftermarket (i) through Roush, under the Roush brand name; (ii) through Eibach Springs, under the Eibach brand name; and (iii) by KW directly to one retail customer, under the KW brand name.

The affected KW part numbers are:

Part Number	Vehicle Application	Approx. Population (per strut)	
		OE	Aftermarket
ROUSH			
R06020048-13-AB	MY '05 – '07 Roush Stage 2 Mustang	1072	292
R06020073-13-AA	MY '06 Roush Stage 3 Mustang	454	N/A
EIBACH			
61230037	MY '05 + Ford Mustang Front Pro Damper	N/A	400
KW BRANDED (direct to Customer)			
61030037	MY '05 Ford Mustang Front Damper	N/A	2
Total:		1,526	694

These parts were manufactured from January 3, 2005 through June 6, 2006, and shipped from February 11, 2005 through June 7, 2006.

Description of Defect

The front anti-roll bar attachment bracket on the front strut can separate from the strut housing due to inconsistent welding. This could result in a clunking noise and/or poor handling in extreme or emergency maneuvers. Possible tire side wall damage may occur if the broken bracket contacts the tire.



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Chronology of Events

KW was notified by Roush on July 27, 2006 of the failure of one of the subject components in the field through Roush's service department. KW and Roush immediately investigated this issue. The investigation revealed that the anti-roll bar attachment bracket had separated on the front struts in question. As a result of this investigation, KW decided to voluntarily recall the subject parts.

There have been no reports of accidents or injuries related to this defect.

Original Equipment Customers

The subject parts were sold to Roush for installation on Roush Mustang Stage 2 and Stage 3 vehicles, as indicated above. Roush has separately submitted a defect notice to NHTSA with respect to the original equipment.

Remedy Program

KW will replace the subject parts at no charge. A draft of KW's owner notification letter pursuant to Part 577 will be submitted shortly. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), KW requests that it be exempt from providing notification of a reimbursement plan. All of the affected products are covered by the manufacturer's warranty. Accordingly, no person would be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to § 577.13.

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Please advise the undersigned of the campaign number assigned by the Office of Defects Investigation to this recall.

Sincerely,



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